

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to the fields of culinary fashion and novelty jewelry. It also relates to the recent growth of public interest in the culinary arts. The recent increase of public interest in all aspects of food and cooking has included (but has not been limited to) an elevated interest in new and exciting culinary recipes as well as food symbols being utilized in the fashion industry. It is therefore the object of the present invention to provide a food-related ornament which is combined with a culinary recipe. The culinary recipe is symbolic of its corresponding ornament in that the recipe's main ingredient is the same food item(s) which is/are represented in the ornament. The ornaments in this invention are specifically beaded necklaces. The recipe is printed on a recipe card which comes attached to the necklace. The main idea is for a person to be able to cook the recipe and subsequently serve the recipe to their guest(s) while wearing the necklace. It is understood that the recipe card should be detached from the necklace before the necklace is worn and the necklace/recipe card combination is designed for easy detachment. This invention is intended to give the user some attention at events such as dinner parties or potlucks, etc. where the user can wear an ornament that is directly related to the recipe they are serving. This invention will also provide a potential gift item for many people who have a favorite food or favorite ingredient which is being utilized in one of the necklace/recipe card combinations. The recipe cards are of a size, shape, and paper stock that can easily be filed, if so desired.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The scope of the present invention is the food necklace/food recipe combination, the two of which will be physically attached and symbolically representative of each other, and of which more than one variation will be produced. The sequence, style, length and color of each necklace will vary, but without departing from the scope of the invention. Each necklace will have a food symbol pendant or pendants as it's main adornment. Adornment means the non-mechanical, or the ornamental components of said necklace. Main adornment means that the food pendant(s) will be the most prevalent in quantity, size, or color, or combination thereof, of the adornments that comprise the necklaces. Adornments that comprise the necklaces means the beads, pendants, charms, and other garniture which are sequentially strung on a wire and fastened by a clasp to form a necklace.

Each necklace is composed mainly of glass food charms, glass beads, and glass seed beads. One or more of the necklaces may be garnished with an additional charm which is not a food symbol, but relates to the food item being represented and/or relates to the corresponding recipe. This will become better understood in further description that follows.

The recipe cards are of a size, shape, and paper stock that can easily fit into a recipe file. The front of the recipe cards contains the title of the invention (Food Chains), a summary of the invention (Food-inspired necklaces with Recipes), the name of the necklace that the contained recipe corresponds to, and the name of the designer of

both the recipe and the necklace, who is the same person. The inside of the recipe card contains the actual recipe. All of the recipes are printed using the same font styles and recipe format as each other. The back side of the recipe cards contain a brief biography of the designer of the necklaces and recipes, who is the same person. The method used to attach the necklaces to the recipe cards will follow.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a front view of the food symbol adorned necklace with recipe card attached.

FIG. 2 is a front view of the mechanical components of the necklace shown in FIG. 1

FIG. 3 is a front view of the ornamental components of the necklace shown in FIG. 1

FIG. 4 is a closer view of the point of attachment between the necklace and recipe card, as shown in FIG. 1, but in FIG. 4 the recipe card is shown from a left side view and at a lower elevation.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

I will describe in detail the specifics of the present invention and will refer to the example represented in the attached drawings which is the particular necklace/recipe card variation with the title "Pears in the Autumn Sun". I will reference the attached drawings throughout this description and each reference will apply to all Figures 1,2,3 and 4. This description will also clarify the relationship that exists between the adornments of the necklaces and their corresponding recipes.

Each necklace variation will vary in the type, color, size, sequence, and quantity of adornments utilized while remaining within the scope of the invention set forth in the following claims. Each necklace/recipe card combination adheres to the main theme of the invention which is a food pendant adorned necklace accompanied by a recipe which is printed on a card which is attached to the necklace and whose main ingredient is that same food item(s) which is/are the main adornment(s) of the necklace. It should be appreciated that many variations may be brought to the present invention. Each necklace is a combination of glass beads, glass seed beads, glass food pendants, and whatever other garniture the designer may add to complement the whole. The glass beads, glass seed beads, glass food pendants, and garniture are threaded onto a .19 mm wire in a sequence which allows the food pendants to stand out either in color, size, quantity, placement or combination thereof as the main attraction of the necklace. Said adornments are threaded onto said wire from end to end so that minimal wire is left exposed upon attaching a clasp and clasp ring to each end of the wire. The length of the necklace is generally 18 inches, but the

the sequence is followed by a gold plated clasp ring 6, the two of which may be fastened and unfastened in order to engage and disengage the two ends of the necklace. The gold plated clasp 7 and the gold plated clasp ring 6 are both attached by threading the end of the wire 9 through a crimp ring 8, through the clasp 7 or clasp ring 6 and back through the crimp ring 8. The crimp ring 8 is then crimped and the excess wire detached to complete the necklace.

The glass pears 4 stand out in size, color and placement as the main attraction of the necklace. The colors of the supporting adornments of said necklace, including the brass sun charm 1, the glass beads 2, and the glass seed beads 3, are symbolic of the autumn season. The recipe that corresponds to the necklace uses pears as it's main ingredient, pears being symbolic of the autumn season. Said recipe contains other ingredients which are popularly associated with the autumn season.

Recipe cards 13 are printed on 80# confetti stock paper. The paper is cut to 4.25 x 5.5 inches and scored across the true center of the width so that the recipe card 13 folds in half to form a 2.125 x 2.75 inch folded rectangle. On the front of the recipe card 13, is printed the title of the invention "Food Chains" in the font style called bernhardt fashion and in the font size eighteen in all capital letters in the color black. Below the title is printed the summary of the invention "food-inspired necklaces with recipes" in the font style called bernhardt fashion in the font size fourteen in all capital letters. Below the summary of the invention is printed the name of the necklace, which will obviously vary with each necklace variation. In the example described

herein, the title of the necklace is "Pears in the Autumn Sun". The name of the necklace is printed in the font style called flatbrush in all capital letters in the font size fourteen in a color that will vary according to the theme of the necklace. In the example, the color used is a rusty brown to represent the autumn pear theme of the necklace and recipe. Below the name of the necklace is printed the name of the designer of both the recipe and the necklace as such "necklace and recipe designed by chef Ron." This is printed in the font style called Bernhardt fashion in all lower case letters in the font size twelve in a dark grey color. The font color, size, style, and text on the front of the card may vary without departing from the scope of the invention.

The inside of the recipe card 13 contains the actual recipe. Each recipe is printed in a font color which matches both the food theme of the necklace and the recipe itself. In the autumn pear example the recipe is printed in a rusty brown colored font.

All recipes are created by a professional chef who is considered an expert in the field of culinary arts so that said recipes meet the following criteria:

1. Recipes are original so that they match the originality of the corresponding necklace design.
2. Recipes are popularly considered new and interesting so that they match the novelty of the corresponding necklace.
3. Recipes are kitchen tested so that they are of a high quality in order to match the high quality of the corresponding necklace.

4. Recipes are easy to understand and are easily reproducible by amateur cooks.
5. Recipes accomplish the preceding four points while still comfortably fitting into the printable portion of the recipe card 13.

The back of the recipe card 13 is printed with a brief biography of the necklace/recipe designer. The information contained in the biography may change without departing from the scope of the invention. The recipe cards are of a size, shape, and paper stock that easily fit into a recipe file.

Method of attachment:

The recipe card 13 is attached to it's corresponding necklace in a simple manner which allows for easy detachment and does not interfere with one's ability to store the recipe card 13 in a file or recipe collection. A two inch length of thick gold thread 11 is threaded through the clasp ring 6 on one end of the necklace one time. The two ends of said thread 11 are inserted into the hole that naturally exists in a smoky clear colored glass rondelle bead 12. A drop of glue is placed on the side of said rondelle bead 12 which is opposite the side where the thread ends were inserted. Said drop of glue will coat said opposite side as well as the two ends of said thread 11. The glue-coated side is pressed onto the front left hand side of the recipe card 13 and allowed to dry, thereby creating the point of attachment. One may detach the recipe card 13 from the necklace by cutting the gold thread 11 and may remove the bead 12 from the recipe card 13 without affecting the readability of the recipe card or the ease of filing the recipe card. The material and method used to fasten the recipe card 13 to the

necklace clasp 6 may vary without departing from the scope of the invention.

It should be appreciated that although the necklaces described in the appended claims of the present invention are mainly comprised of glass beads, glass seed beads and glass pendants, the type of necklace adornments utilized and the material said necklace adornments are made from may vary without departing from the scope of the present invention, so long as the main adornment of said necklace is a food related symbol.

It should be further appreciated that the ornament related to the present invention need not even be a necklace, but may also be any other piece of jewelry whose main adornment is a food related symbol and to which is attached a recipe card containing a recipe whose main ingredient is that same food item represented by the main adornment of said piece of jewelry.

It should be even further appreciated that the size, shape, print font, text, paper stock and other supporting elements of the recipe cards may be changed or varied from the way they are described in the appended claims without departing from the scope of the present invention, so long as the recipe card contains a culinary recipe, said recipe of which contains at least one ingredient that is both generally considered to be a main component of the recipe and is directly related to the food symbol represented in the recipe's corresponding piece of jewelry.

Further still, the recipe card need not even be physically attached to it's corresponding

piece of jewelry and furthermore the recipe that corresponds to a piece of jewelry as described in the appended claims need not even be embodied on a card, but may be embodied in another medium such as a web page or a cookbook.

It should be still further considered that the method and materials used to attach the recipe cards to the necklaces may vary from the way they are described in the appended claims without departing from the spirit of the present invention.

The type, size, and color of the materials utilized in the mechanical construction of the necklaces as described in the appended claims, such as the wire, jump rings, crimps and clasps may vary or be changed without departing from the scope of the present invention.

In addition it is evident that those skilled in the arts of the present invention, once given the benefit of the foregoing disclosure, may now make modifications of the specific embodiments described herein without departing from the spirit of the present invention. Such modifications are to be considered within the scope of the present invention, which is limited solely by the scope and spirit of the appended claims.